Upgrading Hyderabad Airport

1610. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to declare Hyderabad Airport as an International Airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The existing international airports are sufficient to cater to current traffic needs.

Expansion of air net work in Karnataka

1611. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka wrote to the Central Government during 1989 regarding the necessity of expanding air net work in the State; and

(b) if so, what action Government proposes to take on this request?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) For commercial and operational reasons it is not possible for Vayudoot to expand its network in Karnataka at the present juncture.

बम्बई के सहार हवाई अड्डे के नाम में परिवर्तन

1612. **श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल:** क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बम्बई सहार हवाई अड्डे का नाम बदलकर "छत्रपति शिवाजी महाराज" हवाई अड्डा करने संबंधी प्रस्ताव काफी समय से सरकार के पास लंबित पड़ा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में कोई अंतिम निर्णय न लिए जाने के क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में कोई निर्णय कब तक ले लिया जाएगा ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री श्री (माधव राव सिंधिया) : (क) से (ग) इस समय ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन नहीं है ।

Vayudoot owe Rs. 25 lakhs to Royal Nepal Airlines

1613. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Vayudoot Limited owes Rs. 25 lakhs to the Royal Nepal Airlines;

(b) if so, whether this debt had been guaranteed by Government of India; and

(c) if so, by when Government propose to settle these dues so as to restore the credit worthiness of the nation's third airliner?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Vayudoot owes approximately Rs. 40.00 lakhs to Royal Nepal Airlines.

(b) No, Sir.